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This issue offers a balance of papers devoted to substantive theories and to methodological aspects of classic grounded theory (CGT). We are pleased to include another of Dr. Glaser's early papers; this one, first published in 1963, offers the reader an example of Glaser's early development of CGT using quantitative data. More than 40 years after its first publication, the paper is valuable not only in illuminating those early roots of grounded theory but also in illustrating the enduring grab of a good GT. Many novice researchers and PhD candidates will readily recognize Glaser's theory of attraction, autonomy and reciprocity in their relationships with supervisors.

Holton (this issue, pp. 21-40) elaborates the process and the challenges encountered in coding CGT; illustrating the progression from open to selective coding, through the emergence of a core concept, and the final reintegration of the theory through theoretical coding. Nathaniel and Andrews (this issue, pp.65-77) take up the discussion of GT's modifiability over time by revisiting the seminal work of Glaser and Strauss (1965) and conclude that the explanatory power of the original theory of awareness contexts in dying has stood the test of time as a conceptual framework for research and practice. Roderick (this issue, pp. 41-64) and Sandgren (this issue, pp. 78-100) offer new substantive theories that illustrate not only the grab, but also the propensity of a good GT to offer up general implications with reach beyond the substantive field of the original study. Undergraduates preparing to leave the comfortable confines of academic studentship are not the only ones who feel commodifying pressures in today's competitive environment; and, many experience life on hold through various unanticipated interruptions in the normal course of life. This transcending capacity of a good substantive GT provides the reader with enduring ideas that explain succinctly yet eloquently significant patterns in everyday social behaviours.

- Judith A. Holton, Ph.D.

Submissions

We welcome papers presenting substantive and formal classic grounded theories from a broad range of disciplines. All papers submitted are double blind peer reviewed and comments provided back to the authors.

Papers accepted for publication will be good examples or practical applications of classic grounded theory methodology. Comments on papers published are also welcomed; these will be shared with the authors and may be published in subsequent issues of the Review.

Forward submissions as Word documents to Judith Holton at judith@groundedtheoryreview.com

Peer Review Guidelines

The goal of peer review in this journal is to advance classic grounded theory scholarship by providing constructive comments to authors with a view to enhancing the quality of papers submitted. The role of the peer reviewer is respect the autonomy of the author by coaching rather than criticising thereby encouraging and supporting the author's understanding of the methodology and subsequent skill development as a published grounded theorist. Following

Recommendations:

- Accept as it is
- Accept pending minor revisions
- Revise and resubmit

Basis for Revision:

- Needs a clearer focus
- Core category needs clarification
- Related concepts need clarification
- Theoretical propositions (hypotheses) need to be clearly articulated
- Contribution to knowledge (addressing the literature) needs further work
- Implications for practice need to be addressed
- Limitations of the study need to be addressed
- Data sources need to be addressed
- Brief statement on data collection & analysis needs to be consistent with classic GT methodology
- Composition needs work